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Gaza protest engulfs Cal Poly campus

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CAL POLY CAMPUS — Last week was supposed to be finals at Cal Poly Humboldt, with students taking tests, wrapping up their school assignments and preparing to attend a host of events, including multiple concerts and the annual Hip Hop Conference.

Instead, the campus was abruptly shuttered, most events were canceled and classes were forced to be held remotely after Gaza protesters took over and occupied Siemens Hall, where they barricaded the doors and rampaged through offices and classrooms.

As of late Monday afternoon, April 29, when the *Union* went to press, the occupation was still underway. The university said the campus was closed to everyone except those with permission to be there. The rule wasn't being enforced.

Cal Poly answers divestment demands; Arcata councilmembers advise President Jackson.

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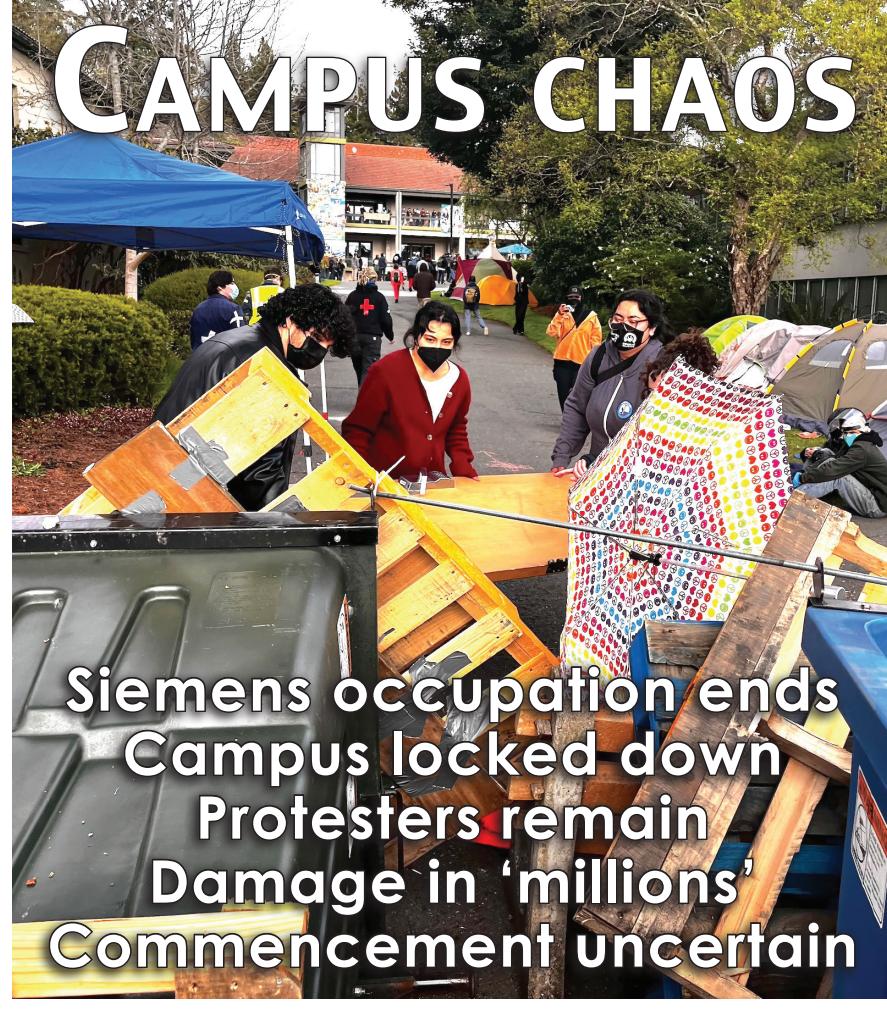
Clash with police

The protest began late in the afternoon on Monday, April 22 when dozens of demonstrators converged on Siemens Hall, an academic and administrative building located in the heart of the campus.

At about 4:50 p.m. that day, University Police were notified that protesters were occupying the building.

"Classes in Siemens Hall were canceled, and the five courses that were in progress were evacuated. The building was shut down after protesters refused to leave voluntarily," states a press release from the university sent out that evening. "Several protesters inside have barricaded themselves inside the building with furniture, van

CAMPUS ♦ PAGE 6



SIEMENS SCENES As protesters opened up Siemens Hall, damage became apparent. Left, the bashed door to the office of Cal Poly President Tom Jackson. Right, the barricade to Siemens Hall's south side main entrance as seen from the inside, with protesters' tents out on the lawn. Below left, as a Gaza rally continued on the barricaded Quad, a team of Cal Poly personnel accepted "check outs" from those occupiers willing to leave the building, offering consideration as the university contemplates disciplinary or legal action.

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FRIDAY FREE FOR ALL Even as protesters ended the occupation of Siemens Hall, they still moved a cabinet into the building's basement for unknown purposes, above, and added a freshly harvested door to a barricade near Library Circle, left.



ART PEACE An attempt to bring some love to a graffitied bathroom wall, Jewish CPH students created a mural promoting peace, but it was soon vandalized.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Local Jews fear dark history in the re-making

Kevin L. Hoover

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — In a land which prides itself on liberal values of multicultural diversity, tolerance and equity, many local Jews feel as though they aren't included.

Worse, some describe mounting anti-semitic harassment and fear for their personal safety — just for being Jewish. While varying in age, background and politics, they share a sense of dread about current trends that bear a growing resemblance to pre-war Europe in the 1930s.

With outright antagonism toward Jews and their core institutions becoming normalized, even routine, they wonder if the rage coming at them will culminate in a catastrophic but historically familiar end.

ANTISEMITISM ♦ PAGE 6

Jackson, Matthews: managing the maelstrom

Kevin L. Hoover

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — As the national wave of campus Gaza protests washed over Arcata and Cal Poly Humboldt, the institutions' leaders find themselves navigating uncharted waters with contradictory advice flooding in from all sides.

While the public scrutiny is unrelenting and unforgiving, it's still lonely at the top for the two top university and city decisionmakers.

President Tom Jackson

With his office in Siemens Hall occupied and unavailable, Cal Poly



Tom Jackson

President Tom Jackson and his leadership team were working out of the adjacent Student & Business Services Building last week.

Friday, the day after issuance of a general faculty vote of No Confidence in him, Jackson had other things on his mind. "I'm too busy trying to keep campus open and find a successful solution to an illegal occupation of two of our buildings," he said. "We are trying to keep this campus open and have commencement at the end of next week."



Meredith Matthews

"Protesting is fine," Jackson said. "We're probably one of the best in supporting protest. We want that and support it." But barricading and occupying buildings pushed the matter into the public safety realm, creating both danger and displacement.

"Buildings are not what you can do," Jackson said. "Blocking stairwells and elevators makes me question the 'peaceful' modality."

He said the police response was simply to remind students to leave, but on doing so, the officers were "charged" by the protesters. "It's not a peaceful protest when

LEADERS ♦ PAGE 6

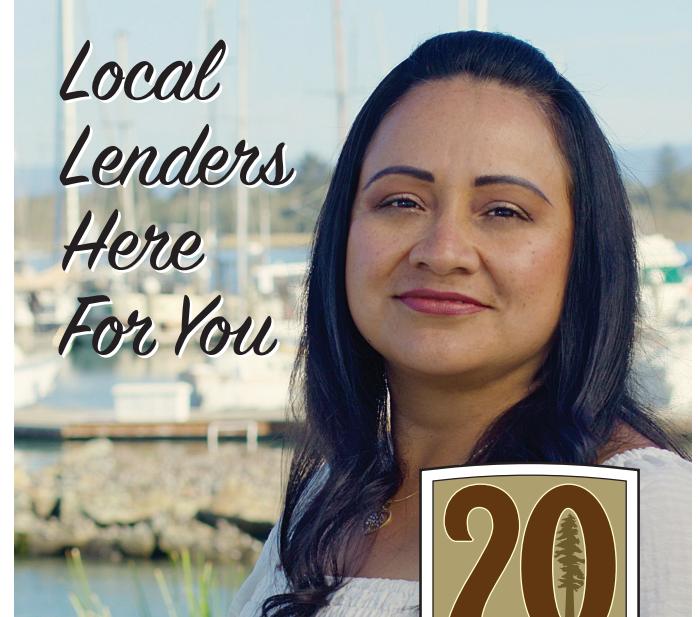
Cal Poly: Protest fine, danger, damage not

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT — Since the beginning, the University's concern has not been the protest itself. We have a long history of activism and civic engagement on this campus, and we unequivocally support the rights of students and others to assemble peacefully, to protest, and to have their voices heard.

The concern in this case is the ongoing unlawful occupation of campus buildings by students and non-stu

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Campus | Seeking dialogue

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dents and other criminal acts (e.g., vandalism, theft, destruction of state property and intimidation of University employees). These ongoing occupations have also created safety hazards for those who have barricaded themselves inside, blocking exits to the building.

This has nothing to do with free speech or freedom of inquiry. It is lawless behavior that has harmed the vast majority of our students whose education has been interrupted, damaged the reputation of our school, and drained resources from the accomplishment of our core educational purpose.

Individuals inside Siemens Hall were repeatedly

asked to move their demonstration outside into the University Quad, which is in the heart of campus directly in front of the building. When they refused, they were warned multiple times to leave the building or face arrest for trespassing. When police attempted to enforce the order to disperse, individuals resisted arrest, which ended in a confrontation. When it was clear the situation was escalating, police withdrew for the safety of those inside the building and law enforcement officers.

The University's goal has always been to bring a peaceful end to the occupation, and we continue to talk to anyone willing to have productive and respectful dialogue.

While it's too early to assess the cost of illegal activities, we estimate it to be in the millions. That includes damage done by theft, vandalism and graffiti, and the supplies and personnel needed to repair that, in addition to the loss of revenue from disruption to University operations.

But the true cost has been the disruption of the education of our students who came here to learn and get a college degree.

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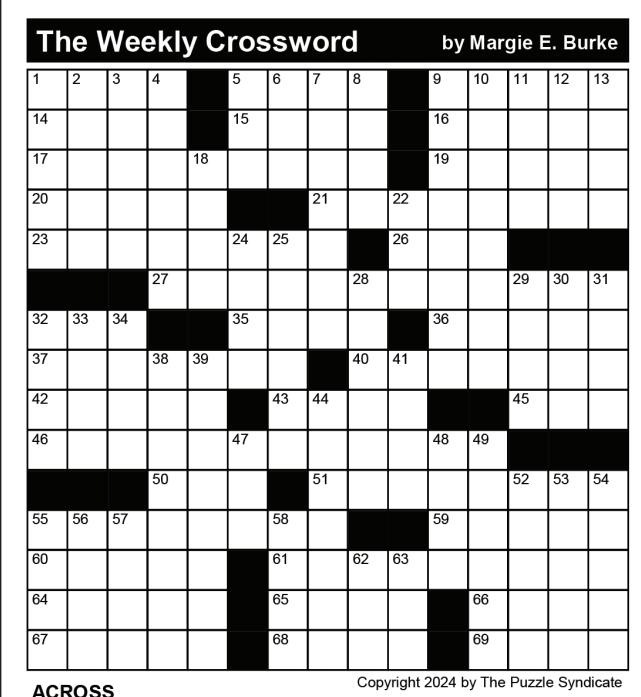
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Monday, April 22	00.00	42.64	39.49	36.30
Tuesday, April 23	00.03	42.67	39.53	36.40
Wednesday, April 24	00.01	42.68	39.53	36.49
Thursday, April 25	00.20	42.88	39.53	36.59
Friday, April 26	00.09	42.97	39.53	36.68
Saturday, April 27	T	42.97	39.53	36.76

Rain as measured by National Weather Service at Woodley Island. Weather year starts on Oct. 1. *Total changed due to NWS data correction.



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1 Chimney residue
5 Charitable gift
9 Barkin or Burstyn
14 Church recess
15 Gardening moss
16 Easily duped
17 Restore to office
19 "Looney ____"
20 Like Fitzgerald's Gatsby
21 Close at hand
23 Tax-return figure
26 Bow
27 Article-finding game
32 "Hey, ____!"
("Hey, fellas!")
35 "You got that right!"
36 Caruso, for one
37 Bring to life
40 Place to fall by
42 Think tank output
43 Swarm
45 Three-way joint
46 Beverly Hills 90210 actress
50 Part of Scand.
51 Classic Cadillac setting
55 "The Hustler"
59 Beaver State capital

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1 Barracks boss
2 Phantom's haunt
3 Basketry willow
4 Lease signer
5 Well-put
6 Grassy field
7 French painter
8 Plant part
9 Sum total
10 Cape Canaveral events
11 Come-on
12 Word with "get" or "break"
13 Hatchling's home
18 Classic comedy, "Crazy"
22 Scratch up
24 Spiffy

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OBITUARY

Wanda Lee Graves

Wanda Lee Graves, of Choctaw heritage, died on April 13 at her home in Sacramento. She was 91.

Wanda Lee spent time at her home in Trinidad, California, where she loved the sea and the people, and displayed redwood art in her yard.

She was born the last of 11 children on a subsistence farm on the outskirts of Norman, Arkansas. When she was young, her mother would drive her in a horse-drawn wagon to the tiny library in Norman, where she checked out books and learned to love reading.

As a young lady, Wanda Lee went to work as a hat check girl at the Stork Club in New York City. She spent two years as a WAVE in the Navy and saw the world. She spent a year in Paris where she loved everything. On her last night in Paris, she went to the opera, which she loved for the rest of her life. In her final year of life, she was set to be



listed as a producer of Mozart's opera *The Magic Flute* at the San Francisco Opera.

She was beautiful and worked as a professional model while young. Wanda Lee was beautiful even in her last year of life. She was a hippie who wrote

about life and politics and loathed war. In the 1960s, she started college and earned an AA degree from Foothill College in Los Altos Hills, a bachelor's degree from San Francisco State College, and a master's degree from the University of California Berkeley. She was proud of her education.

Jerry Brown appointed her a member of the Native American Heritage Commission where she led the enactment of the first state law in the country to require Native American cemeteries to be treated with the same respect as white cemeteries. Other states and the federal government followed.

Wanda Lee wrote for the Legislature, and later joined a consulting business with her husband. She loved her cats, her art, and her husband who loves her still.

Wanda Lee is survived by her husband, Steve Duscha, her niece Sheila, and many friends.

Meet the new managers at Eureka Natural Foods

EUREKA NATURAL FOODS

HUMBOLDT — Eureka Natural Foods is thrilled to announce the promotions of Craig Calvin to general manager and Heidi Boesch to McKinleyville store manager at Eureka Natural Foods.

This is what Craig and Heidi had to say.

What was your title before becoming GM?

Craig: I have been the grocery buyer for the last 14 years and the store manager of McKinleyville for the last seven years.

Heidi: I was the produce manager and started in April of 2005. I have been with Eureka Natural Foods for 19 years.

What is your favorite

thing about Eureka Natural Foods?

Craig: My favorite thing is the selection and their commitment to the community.

Heidi: Seeing a Community that has a large amount of support and excitement for organic produce and organic natural foods. Also, the opportunity to be a part of it myself, I am a longtime supporter of the organic and natural foods movement.

Are you native to Humboldt? If not how long have you lived in Humboldt?

Craig: I am originally from Southern California and moved to Humboldt in 1995 to go to Humboldt State



Craig Calvin

University.

Heidi: I was born in Rochester New York where I lived half my life, now been in Humboldt 20 years.

What is your favorite thing about Humboldt and what do you do in your spare time?

Craig: My favorite thing about Humboldt is the outdoors and in my spare time I enjoy hiking and catching some live music.

Heidi: The amazing and inspiring nature around us which seems to attract those who want to preserve protect and enhance it for the future.



Heidi Boesch

Also, as I am a foodie, and this area has amazing farmers who grow and produce some of the finest and best tasting produce I have found anywhere I've been in the states. We are so lucky! In my spare time I love to hang with my family.

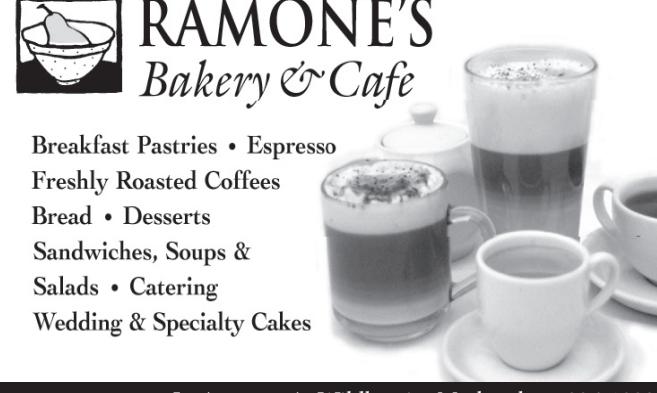
What is your favorite thing to buy from the store?

Craig: My favorite thing to buy from the store is the organic produce.

Heidi: The biggest Summertime Heirloom Seeded Watermelon I can find!

Customer service and satisfaction are our main priority. We go to great lengths to satisfy our customers by exceeding their expectations.

At Eureka Natural Foods we pride ourselves on taking care of our employees and creating a workspace that is diverse, fluid, healthy and of course, fun!



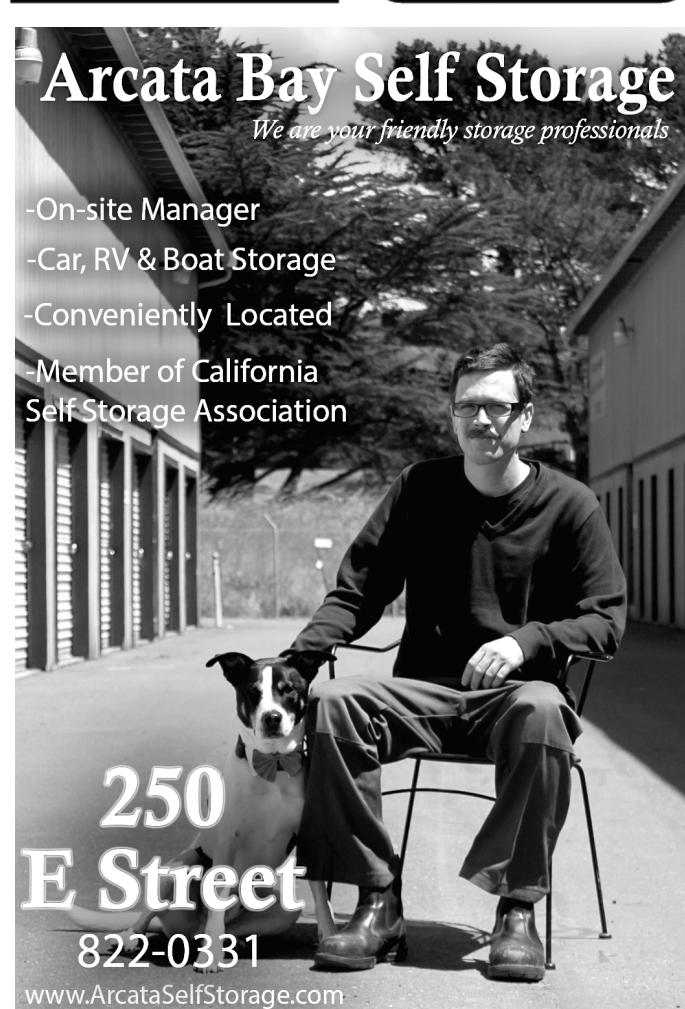
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Former HCSO lieutenant sentenced for dom vio

Kym Kemp

REDHEADED BLACKBELT

HUMBOLDT – A former Humboldt County Sheriff's Office lieutenant, Samuel Williams, was sentenced April 24 for felony charges related to a domestic violence incident last year.

The sentencing follows a conviction by a Humboldt County jury on March 29, which found Williams guilty of making criminal threats and brandishing a firearm.

Judge Tim Canning sentenced him to 90 days in jail and supervised probation for two years.

According to the Humboldt County District Attorney's office, on March 24, 2023, Williams, then off-duty, entered the McKinleyville home of his estranged wife unannounced and threatened to kill her male friend while brandishing a firearm.

The incident, which occurred around the early morning hours, escalated quickly, resulting in Williams pointing his firearm at the unarmed man.

Williams previous to his promotion to lieutenant was a sergeant in charge of the Garberville area beginning in 2018.

In April of last year, Sheriff William Honsal expressed his disappointment over the incident, stating, "The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office will not tolerate criminal behavior in its ranks and will hold employees accountable for their actions," Honsal said. "We are committed to holding our employees to a high ethical standard. Acts such as this do not reflect our values, principles or commitment to our communities. We take these obligations seriously and strive to be a trusted law enforcement organization."

Williams, who was hired by the department on April 30, 2001, had been on paid administrative leave following the incident until his arrest. We don't know if he how long he continued to be paid.

Humboldt County District Attorney's Office news release

On March 29, 2024, a Humboldt County jury convicted 47 years-old Samuel Williams of felonious criminal threats and brandishing a firearm.

During early morning hours of March 24, 2023, Williams made an unannounced entry into the McKinleyville home of his estranged wife wherein she and her male friend were located. Without provocation, Williams threatened to kill the friend and pointed his firearm at the unarmed man causing him to fear for his life.

Today, during the sentencing hearing the Honorable Judge Timothy Canning placed Williams on formal supervised probation for a period of 2 years and ordered Williams to serve 90 days in jail for his crimes.

The case was prosecuted by DDA Candace Myers with assistance from DA Investigator Steve Dunn. Williams was represented by local attorney David Celli.

District Attorney Stacey Eads extends her gratitude to the jurors for their time and service.

A short pursuit, a thrown bottle, an arrest

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

KNEELAND – On Tuesday, April 23 at about 9:30 a.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a residence on Shale Lane in Kneeland for a report of a robbery that had just occurred.

Deputies contacted the elderly victim and learned through their investigation that Socorro Cervantes had forced entry into his home. Cervantes then demanded money from the victim while threatening him. Cervantes stole a small amount of cash and other household items before fleeing the scene prior to deputy arrival.

At about 10 a.m., the HCSO received a call regarding a female driving erratically in the 7800 block of Myrtle Avenue. The vehicle matched the description of the vehicle Cervantes had fled the Kneeland area in.

When deputies arrived in the area, they learned through a witness statement that Cervantes had stolen tools from a residence in the area prior to fleeing again.

At about 10:30 a.m., a deputy in the area of Myrtle Avenue and Indianola Road observed Cervantes driving south on Myrtle Avenue. The deputy attempted to conduct a traffic enforcement stop on Cervantes, but she failed to yield.

A short pursuit ensued, in which time Cervantes threw a glass bottle out the window at the pursuing deputy. Ultimately, Cervantes came to a stop in the parking lot of a business at the intersection of Myrtle Avenue and Freshwater Road. Cervantes complied with deputies and was taken into custody safely.

Cervantes was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of Burglary, Robbery, Theft from Elder, Possession of Stolen Property, Evading Peace Officer, and Throwing Items in a Roadway to Cause Damage.

Anyone with information about this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip Line at (707)268-2539.



Socorro Cervantes

A special, spacey trio: Neptune, Orion and Comet

This week we have some special boys to tell you about! The Galaxy brothers – Cosmo, Neptune, Orion and Comet – are some of the sweetest boys we've ever met. They were found far out on Highway 36 after wandering onto a family's property. They may have been abandoned or dumped and were probably following their very good noses to find some food.

The Galaxy boys appear to be the offspring of a particular type of breeding called "Merle to Merle." This

occurs when two merle-coated dogs are mated with each other. The puppies can have deformities to eyes or ears that

can leave them blind, deaf or both. These boys have several variations of the double merle genetics, though they have shown us that they are impressively resourceful and just some of the friendliest pups we know.

Comet is the smallest of his siblings, weighing just over 30 pounds. He is an absolute joy to be around! Comet is blind, though the way he navigates the world you might not know that is the case.



DOGTOWN
Mara Segal



Comet.
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He is very responsive and a fast learner. He loves stuffed toys and rolling on his back for belly rubs. Comet does great using both his nose and his ears and is quick to come over for pets or snacks.

Neptune is smart, gentle, and sweet. Neptune has one blind eye but it really doesn't affect him at all. His hearing is very sharp and we have found that he comes running immediately upon hearing a whistle!

Neptune is learning all about the world and is quickly showing he is a curious, adventurous boy and that the leash is his

Cosmo loves to play with

soft toys or romp with his brother Comet when they are in the play yard. He is quickly learning how to navigate the shelter and actually walks pretty well on a leash. Cosmo has a fluffy soft white coat that begs to be pet. We are all a little in love with Cosmo!

Comet is friend. He likes to play with toys and is eager to learn when treats are involved. Neptune has a beautiful coat and is on the shorter and stockier side. He weighs about 40 pounds.

Orion was the lucky one in the genetics lottery. He would have received one Merle gene and one non-Merle gene, which gives him sight, hearing and a fancy coat!

Orion and Neptune are roommates and have both been noted

for their gentle kisses and soft-mouthed treat taking.

Orion is a curious boy and is doing great with his leash training. We have been so impressed with how well all of these boys are doing with leashes, new people and other dogs considering that they didn't appear to have had a lot of previous experience. Orion has beautiful eyes and a very cute chocolate colored nose! He weighs about 40 pounds.

Our Galaxy friends are just about a year old. Neptune and Orion have already been neutered and

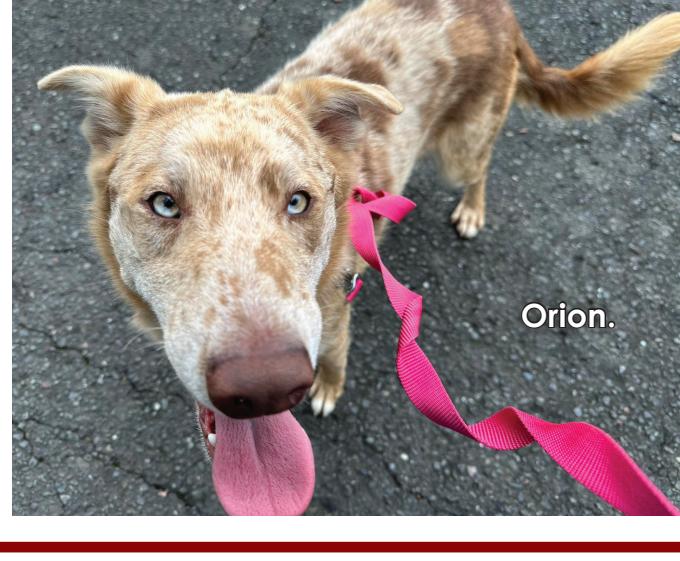


Neptune.

the other two are in the queue. All of our dogs are microchipped, heartworm tested and current on their vaccinations.

If you would like to meet any or all of these cosmic wonders, please contact the shelter at (707) 840-9132. Redwood Pals Rescue has also spent a lot of time with these cuties and we would be happy to answer any questions about them.

You can contact us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at (707) 633-8842.



Orion.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF ARCATA CITY COUNCIL

Arcata General Plan Comprehensive Update and Gateway Code

Wednesday May 29, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., in the Arcata City Council Chambers, at

736 F Street, Arcata.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the City Council of the City of Arcata will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday May 29, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Arcata City Council Chambers, at 736 F Street, Arcata to consider a formal recommendation to the City Council to adopt a comprehensive update to the General Plan and a new Gateway Zoning Code. The City Council is holding hybrid meetings that allow attendance in person or via Zoom (see information below for zoom attendance).

Project Description:

The City is preparing an update of its General Plan, including a new Element, the "Gateway Area Plan," and a Gateway Code, a zoning ordinance to implement the Gateway Area Plan.

The Gateway Area Plan will provide additional specificity

within the Gateway Area,

which is an approximately

138-acre area entirely within

City limits that is generally

north of Samoa Blvd, west

of K Street, and south of

Alliance Rd. A portion of the

Gateway Area and City's

Planning Area are located in

the coastal zone. The proj

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the City, changes in stan

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update, Gateway Area Plan

and zoning updates are col

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The Project will update

and amend the City's exist

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a new General Plan Element

(the Gateway Area Plan)

to encourage infill develop

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Area, in accordance with

State Bill (SB) 375 and Cal

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these documents will be cal

led the "Arcata General

Plan 2045." The Arcata

General Plan 2045 seeks

to build upon but not sub

stantially change the vision

established in the Arcata

2020 General Plan (adopt

ed in the year 2000). The

Arcata General Plan 2045

will also update the goals,

policies, and implementation

programs that articulate

the vision for the City's long-term physical and economic development, while preserving open space areas and enhancing the quality of life for Arcata residents. The Arcata General Plan 2045 is anticipated to be adopted in early 2024.

As a part of this Project, all existing General Plan Elements (other than the Housing Element) will receive focused updates to:

- Satisfy modern State mandates for General Plans that have been issued since the General Plan was last updated;
- Re-emphasize infill development to preserve greenbelts around the City;
- Adjust to climate-change and promote sustainability;
- Promote social justice and racial equity;
- Amend inconsistencies; and
- Ensure consistency and compliance with other City plans that have been adopted or revised in recent years, such as the 2019 Housing Element.

California Government Code, Section 65302, subdivision. (h)(1) requires an Environmental Justice element in the General Plans of certain communities. Arcata does not meet the thresholds for such an Element to be required because the City does not contain any Disadvantaged Communities as identified by the California Environmental Protection Agency Pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code. Instead, the City is electing to reflect social justice and racial equity values in all Elements of the General Plan. Since the Housing Element was updated and adopted in late 2019, the Housing Element will not be modified as a part of this Project.

In addition to the minor updates outlined above, the following General Plan Elements will receive additional, more comprehensive updates to accommodate more targeted infill policies and ensure consistency with the Gateway Area Plan:

- Land Use (modifications to land use map and development standards)
- Transportation and Circulation (modifications to proposed circulation systems)
- Public Facilities and Infrastructure (modifications to support utility upgrades in priority development areas)
- Parks and Recreation (replace existing adopted Element with the 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and

which will serve as the new Parks and Recreation Element)

Accordingly, the following summarizes the anticipated degree of changes for each Element:

New Element - Gateway Area Plan;

Minor updates and consistency updates - Introduction, Vision, Growth Management, Open Space Element, Resource Conservation and Management, Air Quality, Design, Historical Preservation, Public Safety, Noise;

Comprehensive updates - Land Use, Transportation and Circulation, Public Facilities and Infrastructure, Parks and Recreation;

No change - Housing Element

Action Type: General Plan and Zoning Amendment

Location: Citywide

Coastal Status: Portions

of the project are located in the Coastal Zone. The City

will take subsequent action

to amend the Local Coastal

Program in the affected

areas.

Environmental:

The project is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared and circulated in accordance to the CEQA Guidelines.

The Draft EIR circulation

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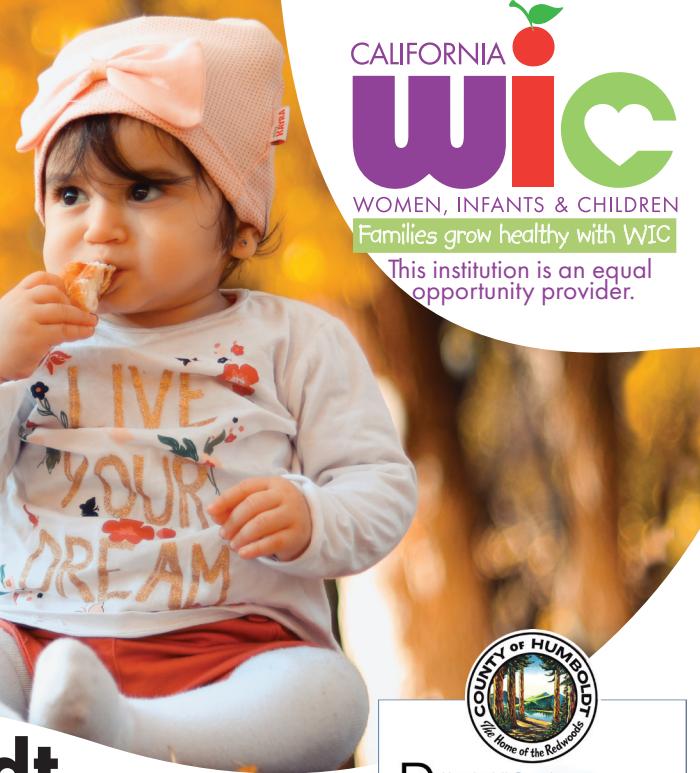
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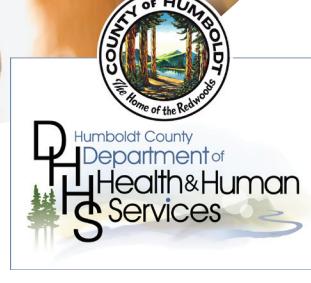
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DREAM MAKERS Staff at Pachanga Mexicana Restaurant and Owner Belem Espitia, right.

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Restaurants donate to English Express on Cinco de Mayo

ENGLISH EXPRESS

EUREKA — Seventeen local Mexican restaurants will give a percentage of their sales on Cinco de Mayo, Sunday, May 5, to English Express, a local nonprofit.

The contributions will help provide free year-round English language classes, preparation for the U.S. citizenship exam and interview, and resources for our local immigrant communities.

"We're so happy these small local businesses are once again helping us," said English Express' Mary Ann Hytken.

Founded in 2016 by Mary Ann Hytken, English Express, a DreamMaker Program of The Ink People, has helped over 500 adult learners and their families gain the English language skills they need for success.

"Many of the restaurant owners, employees and family members have turned to English Express over the years to improve their English language skills for work, home and school," Hytken said.

"They are eager to give back and help others," Hytken added.

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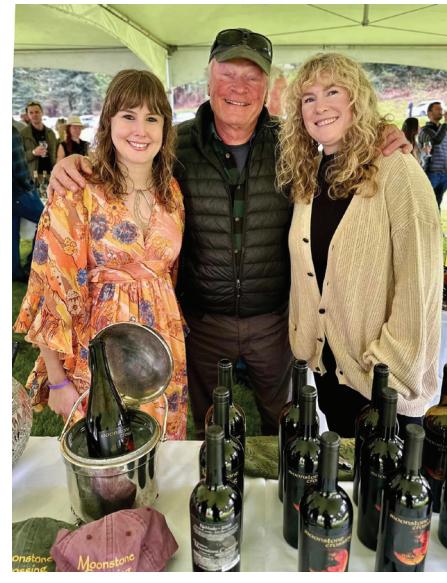
- El Cora Mexican Restaurant, 445 Conger St.

"We know it's tough for small businesses these days. Having these eateries open their hearts by sharing their earnings on Cinco de Mayo means so much to us and the hundreds of people we serve!" Hytken said.

Hytken added, "Let's celebrate! Have a good meal! You can help a local business and a nonprofit!"



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GRAPE APPRECIATION The 14th Annual Humboldt Wine Festival took place under leaden skies Saturday at the picturesque Ridgefield Weddings & Events up Fickle Hill Road. Put on by The Rotary Club of Arcata Noon, the afternoon featured local wine makers offering flavors of Humboldt and Trinity counties under the big tent, with unlimited tastings and an array of locally-sourced gourmet treats. Top left, the glamorous and coy jazz quintet Young and Lovely featuring Elisa and Brianna Penner. Top right, C.J. Ralph. Above left, the crew from Moonstone Crossing winery. Above right, the Arcata High School Interact Club team: Amira Wanden, Zoe Watts Toben, Piper Bjorkstedt, Lillian Afridi, Mira Rust-Kelly, William Desvars and Mason Blair. Proceeds will benefit programs such as Student Support for Burundi – The Heart of Africa, Renovation of Arcata Playgrounds, The Arcata High Career Center, Dictionaries for Third Graders, High School scholarships, High School Youth Exchange, The Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon, Rotary's International La Trinidad Costa Rica Micro-loans partnership, and Rotary International Polio Eradication. PHOTOS BY BOB DORAN & KLH | UNION



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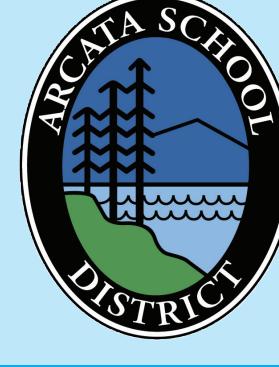
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Leaders | Balancing protest and public safety

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you attack a police officer," Jackson said.

As of Friday morning, with Siemens still held by occupiers, he said "everything is on the table" for dealing with the situation, from continued dialogue to forcible extrication.

"We've considered and put on the table many options, but we're looking at the most passive and productive ones," he said. "The key underlying factor is that you cannot occupy a building."

While the local spotlight may be on him, Jackson said he was closely coordinating with the California State University administration in Long Beach. "Everything that I have done and staff has done is in compliance with CSU," he said. "We're in constant contact with the chancellor and other offices... I'm not operating alone."

He said damage to Siemens Hall was estimated at more than \$1 million, and that other buildings around campus are experiencing break-in attempts on a nightly basis. He feared for the delicate, invaluable assets at risk of being treated like Siemens Hall, like the collections held in the Fisheries and Wildlife buildings. "If that's breached, imagine the damage," he said.

"For five days we've been actively trying to prevent occupation," Jackson said. "You clearly can see why we

can't open campus."

He described in detail the vandalism inside occupied Siemens Hall on which the million dollar-plus damage tally was based, with his descriptions verified later that day when the building opened up. The intelligence was based on contacts with individuals inside, sometimes through their instructors, as well as exit interviews with departing protesters.

"We have a pretty good estimation," he said. "That number stacks up."

Significant outreach to the protesters is ongoing, via the campus ombudsman, deans of students and other on an "almost hourly" basis.

"It's not always productive," he said, dealing with the amorphous body of protesters. "We've learned that there's no leadership in place."

Regarding legal and disciplinary consequences for those who have attacked university property, he said, they are coming.

"There's no pathway that doesn't include that," Jackson said. "The rules change when you confront officers."

Suspensions and expulsions will be considered and that's not all. "There will be arrests for damage and attacks on police officers," he said. "We work on a case-by-case basis."

The moment they charged police, they ceased to be protesters and be-

came criminals," he said.

He said the university's Time, Place and Manner (TPM) policy which defines protest parameters protects the right of students and faculty to protest and express their opinions and enjoy freedoms of speech and assembly, while not infringing on the rights of others on campus and their right to a stable and secure environment.

"We've chosen to reaffirm our commitment to peace, social justice, sustainability... I would like to think that every human can live in a safe environment without fear of harm to each other."

Some of the more aggressive graffiti, such as that seen as threatening by Jewish students, remains up because work crews were confronted by protesters. "That's not their job and they didn't feel safe, so they were sent home," Jackson said. "You can't fix things while being confronted."

Jackson isn't debating political issues while university security is at risk. "I've tried very hard not to insert myself into Middle East politics," he said. "It is disturbing to me the level of discord across our student bodies across the issues that we face today... My priority is a safe campus. We were thriving a week ago, and when this is over we'll go back to thriving."

This weekend's commencement

ceremonies are set to bring 10,000 visitors to campus. Jackson is deeply concerned for their safety, and that of students in residence halls.

"This is their home," he said.

"This group has demonstrated willingness to occupy and damage property," he said. "Our goal is the safety of the workforce, officers and students," he said.

Mayor Meredith Matthews

Conditions became bumpy on the Cal Poly campus while Arcata Mayor or Meredith Matthews was traveling on city business. While in close touch with local contacts, the distance allowed her broader perspective.

"We are so lucky to live in a country that allows us to protest," Matthews said. "We are lucky that we have freedom to say what's on our minds and protest what we feel is wrong."

From what she's heard, the university administration shares some responsibility for the escalation.

"I wasn't there," she acknowledged, but still, "There could've been a lot more communication and de-escalation before any sort of police force was brought in. I think it could have been handled so much better, and it could have been handled with nuance and with understanding and in a way that made the students feel safe."

"However," she continued. "what I don't abide is destruction of property and slogans that make a certain part

of the community feel unsafe."

As a Jewish person, Matthews is trying to maintain her strongly held personal values while representing all her constituents. She pointed to heated Gaza hearings before the City Council that managed to avoid physical confrontation and damage.

"My fellow councilwomen have shown that we are so open and willing to engage with everybody and have those conversations," she said. "We all, deep in our hearts, want to be forces for good."

Towards that end, Matthews said, "There needs to be de-escalation. There needs to be conversation, and there needs to be a way for the people that want to go back to school and work to be able to do that, and people have the right to feel safe on campus."

Along with physical fear, she is mindful of the mental and emotional toll on the Class of 2024. "I feel so bad for the students," she said. "They started school during a pandemic and are graduating in time of such unrest."

Communication, she said, is the only way out. "Nobody is going to solve a crisis that has been happening for thousands of years, but what we can do is start in this moment, have those hard conversations and listen to each other," the mayor said. "Even if we don't agree with each other, we can find a way to move forward, because we have to."

Campus | A week of protest and paralysis

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dalized creating extreme safety hazards for those inside."

University Police received backup from other agencies, including Arcata Police, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and Rio Dell Police. Officers attempted to enter Siemens Hall and there they clashed with the protesters.

Ryan Hutson of *Humboldt Freelance Reporting* captured a harrowing video showing officers in riot gear attempting to enter Siemens Hall that evening.

The officers can be seen pushing their shields against a throng of protesters who then push back. A protester bonks an officer over the head with an empty five-gallon water bottle. The officers respond by whacking the protesters with their batons, but the protesters keep pushing forward, forcing the officers backwards.

"Go home, you pig!" a protester yells. "Get the fuck out of here!"

"Push 'em out," protesters yell.

There's screaming and yelling and the protesters slowly push themselves forward against the officers' shields until the police are forced out the door. Eventually, law enforcement backed down and left the scene.

"Three protesters were arrested overnight stemming from the occupation and confrontation with law enforcement both inside and outside the building," states a university press release issued the next morning.

Barricades, graffiti

The bucolic campus, which is typically tidy and well manicured, had a post-apocalyptic look last week, with overturned dumpsters and other debris blocking some of the entrances and buildings covered with graffiti.

Some of the slogans scrawled with pastels on walkways or spray painted on buildings included "River to Sea," "Free Gaza," "Cops for Fertilizer" and "Free Palestine."

Dozens of camping tents were set up on the lawns surrounding Siemens Hall.

There appeared to be two types of protesters – those barricaded inside the building, and those camping in tents outside. The doors of the building were barricaded with dumpsters, pallets, folding tables, carts, cardboard and piles of debris.

Protesters also created an outer perimeter of dumpsters, benches and pallets to apparently

block vehicle access to the Quad area.

Five demands

Masked protesters sat in chairs outside Siemens Hall, but were reluctant to talk. They said they felt uncomfortable talking to the media and refused to answer questions.

The exception was Jackie, who agreed to answer questions but opted not to give her last name. She described herself as a student and member of the group organizing the protest.

"This protest, to my knowledge, has no official leaders," said Jackie, who approached a battery of local reporters in Nelson Hall and held a press conference Thursday, April 25.

Asked about the reluctance of protesters to talk to the media, Jackie said some are distrustful of the media, with outlets such as Fox News calling those who protest against Israel antisemitic. Jackie said the accusation is unfair.

"Many students in this protest are Jewish," said Jackie, who explained the reason for the protest and the protesters' demands.

"It is important for us, as students, to do what we can about Israel's ongoing occupation and genocide in Gaza," Jackie said. "For that cause we have taken a building, Siemens Hall. We [are] currently occupying it and we have five demands for the university."

"The first is that they fully disclose their financial investments and divest from any organization that is associated with or profiting from Israel, the illegal occupation of the West Bank and the genocidal campaign in Gaza," Jackie said.

"The second demand is that the university cut off all ties with Israeli academic institutions including... canceling their study abroad program with Israel's University of Haifa," Jackie said.

Studying in Haifa is one of the programs offered by the California State University International Program, which also offers educational opportunities in Italy, France, China, Chile, South Africa and other countries around the globe.

"Third, that the university publicly call for a permanent cease fire in Gaza," Jackie continued. "Fourth is that all students be released, no criminal charges should be pressed and no academic discipline should be taken against the students."

The final demand, Jackie said, "is the removal of the university's Time, Place and Manner clause which insists that students are only allowed to protest by means that are not inconve-

nient to the university, and allowed them to call the cops on us Monday night."

Keep things orderly

Protesters vowed to occupy Siemens Hall until all their demands are met. Jackie said that protesters, to her knowledge, have not been in contact with university administrators.

A protester who identified herself as Madrone was asked whether it was realistic to think that the university would simply agree to the demands. Madrone responded "I'm optimistic."

As for the graffiti and other damage to university facilities, Jackie said the protesters are trying to minimize the damage.

"We've been trying to tell people to do what they can to keep things orderly, keep the campus clean and not to damage anything important," Jackie said. "As for the graffiti, I would say that the damage to property has been extremely minor, especially in comparison to the damage to people done by Israel in Gaza and even what the police did to our students on Monday night."

Free food, concerts

It's unclear how many people were occupying Siemens Hall. Jackie said estimates range from 20 to 30, but others have put the number at 100 to 150. Jackie said she is not in contact with the occupiers and hasn't been in the building since Monday night.

Protesters denied a reporter's request to enter the building. Asked who controls access to the building, Jackie said that is decided by those inside. Jackie said students are allowed in, but then clarified "any student who is part of the movement and agrees with us."

There was some confusion last week as to which buildings were being occupied.

Nelson Hall, located next to Siemens Hall, was unlocked and being used by students last week, but did not appear to be occupied. Protesters said that Nelson Hall is being used for meetings and for its bathroom facilities.

In front of Siemens Hall, Food Not Bombs set up a kitchen serving free food. There were piles of food and donated supplies, including toiletries and first aid kits.

Another protester who asked not to be identified said that at night there are concerts on the Quad featuring all sorts of different bands. Wednesday night, he said, there was a wild rave party. Nearby, there is a large "calming tent" with blankets for people to chill out in.

Canceled events

The occupation resulted in the university

closing down the campus and canceling numerous events, including the long-anticipated Hip Hop Conference with guest speaker Chuck D, a founder of the seminal hip hop band Public Enemy. Other concerts were canceled and then rescheduled at off-campus locations.

Jackie blamed the university, not the protesters, for the cancellations.

"It's really unfortunate, but it was the university that made the decision to close the campus," Jackie said. "Students wanted to keep the campus open. We are not a threat to anyone on campus. We are not a threat to Jewish students. And the university could very well have held classes... held events, and there would be no threat to anyone here."

Jackie said that it's important for protesters to do what they can to stop the "active genocide."

"This is a form of civil disobedience," Jackie said. "We feel it is important to make our voice heard and do what we can. There is an active genocide going on and history will remember what people did to try to stop it, who took action to try to stop it and who stood by the did nothing."

Hard closure

A question that hovered over the protest was if, and when, will law enforcement arrive and clear out Siemens Hall.

Last week protesters took turns outside Siemens Hall and kept watch every night. On Friday morning, before the sun came up, groups of protesters stood under umbrellas and quietly chatted under a persistent drizzle as slumberers snored in nearby tents.

"We are preparing for the police to come back," Jackie said. Madrone said she is concerned about the potential for police violence.

On Saturday afternoon, April 27, the police returned and so began what the university describes as a "hard closure." No one may enter the campus except for residents of the dorms and other personnel who receive approval from the administration.

As of Monday afternoon, the university was still encouraging the protesters to voluntarily leave the campus. A press release issued Monday states "The individuals who are occupying Siemens Hall and Nelson Hall East, or illegally camping around those facilities, are urged to leave the campus peacefully now. Leaving voluntarily will be considered as a possible mitigating factor in University conduct processes and may reduce the severity of sanctions imposed. This does not, however, eliminate responsibility for any potential conduct or criminal charges."

told Brotman that they'd been chased across campus, screamed at and called "Zionist pigs," and are frightened to leave their residence halls.

"I feel traumatized and angry and deeply upset that this is happening in my lifetime where I live," Brotman said. "These [protesters] are saying things, Hamas slogans that mean they are either rabid anti-semites or they have an appalling lack of knowledge of history."

Ahava'

"Ahava" (not her real name), is a local active senior who works part-time. She, like others, sees history repeating with blatant, blanket discrimination that would trigger massive outrage were it directed at other minority groups in Humboldt.

"It's extremely upsetting to me," she said. "Don't kid yourself that this isn't anti-semitism."

On questioning Cal Poly Gaza protesters, she said she found their knowledge edge performative, superficial and consisting of little more than slogans. The vaunted cease fire demanded by students, for example, was already in effect up until the Hamas attack of Oct. 7, which set the present conflict in motion.

"They're using tactics from the Hamas playbook," she said. "The tactic is, 'we will taunt you, we will get you angry until you fight back and send in the cops, and then you hurt us and everybody is sympathetic and oh poor students, and we become the cause célèbre and you become the brutal cops and the bad people.'

Fear rules

Other Jews who'd experienced discrimination locally were too afraid of betrayal and retribution to share their observations, even anonymously.

One student returning after grad school said that at first he found campus life joyous. But now, with the menacing anti-Jewish protests, and after an admiring instructor unexpectedly posted false, Hamas-inspired propaganda, the campus has turned deeply toxic.

Anti-semitism | 'It's advancing very quickly'

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Kira Trinity

Kira Trinity, 41, is about to graduate Cal Poly with a master's in academic research and psychology, her third academic degree. But she doesn't think she'll be attending commencement this weekend.

"I don't think there's going to be a graduation, and even if there was I don't feel safe going to it," she said. "I don't feel safe because our campus has a very strong anti-Zionist stance, both professors and students. She's seen 'Death to Zion' and 'Death to Zionists' scrawled in bathrooms, on walls and in chat groups. 'That means that they're calling for my death,' she said.

The protest, she said, is "extremely anti-semitic." Attempts to engage with campus personnel have met with intolerance. "They gaslight me and try to define anti-semitism for me or circumvent what I'm trying to say," Trinity said. "I've lost friends of 20 years in this community because they support this protest and will not listen to what I have to say."

Zionism, she said, simply means "the right of self-determination in our indigenous homeland," which is Israel.

"Intifada," another term popular among the protesters, means the order of Jews, she says. "It's a Jihadist term. Past Intifadas have resulted in dozens of suicide bombings where Arabs killed Jews, and that's what they mean when they want to globalize Intifada, that they want to wipe Jews off the face of the Earth."

"From the river to the sea" means "wiping Israel off the map," she said.

She said the City Council meetings on Gaza felt like 1933, and the campus upheaval feels like 1939. "It's advancing very quickly," she said.

The protest had led to disillusionment with and alienation from those

who had thought were allies in the liberal-progressive and

OPINION

De-escalation and dialogue are the way

As City Councilmembers, and more importantly as humans, we support peaceful resolutions and open dialogue.

It is essential to respect the rights of our community members, including and especially students, to peacefully express their views. We believe in the power of de-escalation and constructive conversation to promote understanding globally and foster solutions locally.

We send our young people to universities such as Cal Poly Humboldt to foster critical thinking and encourage them to make the changes in the world that they deem necessary. This is what they are doing.

In this emotionally charged situation, a non-violent approach should, and must be used by all parties involved. As a council we heard from and worked with community members, including students, to have an open dialogue and create a cease-fire resolution for Arcata.

This type of dialogue and conversation can bring our community together without violence.

Stacy Atkins-Salazar
Sarah Schaefer
Arcata City Council

Engagement proven more useful than fear

In May of 1970, Nixon began the carpet bombing of Cambodia. Following that as an HSU student councilmember, I authored a resolution that declared the students and faculty strike in concert with other student/faculty strikes around the country, including Kent State. Following that there were two large meetings.

A town hall meeting at a packed Van Du-

LETTERS

zer theater and the following day another town hall meeting in the plaza in front of the theater. Over 3,000 people were present who talked, listened, yelled and overwhelmingly voted to strike.

The important thing here is that the University Administration immediately and fully engaged with us. We developed a strike committee and initiated immediate talks. We occupied Nelson Hall on Campus.

There were no police batons, tear gas, door barriers, violence. While on strike we had teach-ins about the history of the Vietnam War, had teams of students go door to door in Eureka and Arcata to explain why we were striking.

Resistance always meets counter resistance; force is met by greater force.

Conversation, genuine listening, and truthful talking breed de-escalation and a productive way through difficult situations. Many amazing ideas emerged from that talking we all did.

A university president should not be afraid of his/her students.

Siddiq Kilkenny
Arcata

Tie in with the real peacemakers

The divisive demonstrations by some students on the Cal Poly Humboldt campus are very disconcerting and unnecessary.

I encourage CPH students to investigate this long list of Israeli/Palestinian peace groups. These are ordinary people on both sides of the border working tirelessly in their communities and across divides to achieve peace and independence for Israelis and Palestinians.

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These people set an example to look past divisive "us versus them" thinking and to search for common ground:

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Children of Peace

In addition, I don't know how to adequately describe the irony that this current conflict is happening in the HOLY Land and that a peace agreement was made back in 1994 at the Oslo Peace Accords.

Carman Gentile
Arcata

A Bottoms large tent housing solution

When I was a student at HSU in the early '80s my mother sent me a travel column for the Lancaster Pennsylvania newspaper by a reporter who visited our area. He raved about our rocky coasts, the redwoods, and the like.

He also liked Arcata, but at the end said he could not understand why seemingly healthy, mostly young people, were begging for money on the Plaza, and corners. Then he said "Oh well, maybe Arcata is having an off day."

Fast forward to the present homeless situation. Many are here because the weather is relatively mild. Another factor would be the culture, including the relaxed use of pot. Another factor would be the compassion shown to their situation by the city in general.

The city has also been constrained by the

Martin vs. Boise case in which the Ninth Circuit Court sided with homeless being allowed to camp in public places if without an alternative. That decision, which now is in front of the Supreme Court may be reversed.

I have thought of a possible alternative. It is unreasonable to provide for structures to be built for the homeless. I think a solution might be possible if large army tents with a capacity of about 40 or so individuals each could be set up in the Bottoms on the outskirts of town, one for males, one for females, one for couples with children, for example. They would be heated during the winter.

There would be a resident manager in each tent acting as a liaison between homeless and city. There would be a shuttle bus going from the city to the shelter about sunset, and a dinner provided about that same time. A shuttle would operate in the morning to the city.

But, in general, no more homeless camping in public places within the city would be allowed. The program would act like a 1930s CCC-type program.

Residents of the shelter, if able, would earn their keep by cleaning up after other unauthorized sites, and at some point would be given a good reference by the city which hopefully would add to their employability.

Maybe the program could be supported on a trial basis by say the Ford Foundation, or locally by our Humboldt Area Foundation.

These are my thoughts. Please don't judge me harshly. I've already donated a trailer to Betty Chinn, and I used to consider "Rasta John," a well-known homeless person, a friend from the early '80s, and I know he felt the same way when he was alive.

George Green
Arcata

Cal Poly Humboldt offers responses to the Gaza protesters' demands

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

The Cal Poly Humboldt pro-Palestine protests have elevated a remarkable number of important questions, opened a space for difficult, meaningful conversations, and also raised concerns about what principles of the community we bring into spaces of disagreement. Even in the midst of this challenging period for our community, we remain firmly rooted in our University's purpose: to provide the highest quality and affordable college education built on the contributions of diverse students, staff, and faculty who are committed to a just and sustainable world.

We write today in this spirit, while also reasserting our responsibility for civil discourse and fact-based debate. In particular, we would like to provide context and feedback to the stated demands of the protesters. They have asked the campus to:

1. Disclose all holdings and collaborations with Israel.

It is important to highlight that Cal Poly Humboldt is among the higher education leaders in environmentally and socially responsible investing. In 2014, with extensive student involvement, an investment strategy focused on reducing investments in the fossil fuel industry and in tracking investments in socially concerning sectors was adopted. Last year, again with student involvement and assistance, a new policy focused on Environmentally & Socially Responsible (ESR) investing was adopted. This policy takes a "positive investment" approach to select funds with strong environmental, social, and governance practices, and again puts Humboldt at the leading edge of responsible investing within higher education.

The investments in the University's endowment does not include any direct investment in defense companies or any securities issued by Israeli companies or organizations, or to defense firms. In fact, because of the relatively small size of the endowment, the investment strategy does not include direct investment in any specific companies or securities. Instead, the portion of the investment in secu-

rities is in mutual funds, which are bundles of many securities that reflect the portfolios of numerous different investment managers.

So any holdings of the securities in question would represent indirect investment. Our estimates put the potential indirect investment in the areas that are asked about at less than 1 percent of the investment portfolio of more than \$51 million. Of this, our estimate of potential defense investment is less than 0.5 percent of the entire portfolio, though that can fluctuate over time. This estimate is probably high as these companies do not produce weaponry but rather components of various industrial products (like wind turbines and aviation parts). The portion of the indirect investment in Israeli companies or organizations is likewise less than 0.5 percent, and can fluctuate over time. These securities, which again are bundled in different mutual funds, are software companies and banks, and there is also less than 0.1 percent in bonds. Any of these holdings could be sold by the fund manager at any time.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the investment policies in the future.

2. Cut all ties with Israeli universities.

Cal Poly Humboldt has a commitment to global engagement. While we have no current ties with Israeli Universities, we are open to connecting with universities across the world in an effort to build connections and expand understanding. The Cal Poly Humboldt catalog listing for a study abroad program with the University of Haifa in Haifa, Israel is a California State University International Study Abroad (CSU IP) program, not a Cal Poly Humboldt program. The CSU IP Haifa program is not currently enrolling students. Current Bilateral Exchange Programs with Cal Poly Humboldt are listed online.

Information about agreements with other universities is also available on campus websites or with an email to the Dean of Extended Education & Global Engagement. We encourage our students to speak and engage with faculty

as well as campus administrators. Our doors are always open to our students.

3. Divest from companies and corporations complicit in the occupation of Palestine:

Please see the investment information in #1. We do not have a way of measuring the specific language included in this request.

4. Drop charges against and halt the harassment of student organizers by law enforcement.

University policy and conduct violations will follow established procedures, and there will be consequences for actions that violate policy or law. However, students who elect to evacuate the building and support efforts to clear the building will have their actions considered as a mitigating factor within those processes.

5. University to publicly call for a ceasefire and end to the occupation of Palestine.

Cal Poly Humboldt is committed to social justice and the Graduation Pledge to guide everyone's social and environmental consequences of their decisions. We are supportive of a peaceful and just world which affords the opportunity for all human beings to flourish and achieve their potential.

6. "We want the university to either amend or remove the time, manner or place clause [of its free expression policy] which allows them to call the police on students for organizing in ways that they deem inappropriate."

The University's Time, Place and Manner (TPM) policy exists to protect the rights of the entire campus community to a secure environment that is conducive to the pursuit of knowledge, freedom of inquiry, freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. The policy is content-neutral in its approach to speech and assembly, protecting our freedoms while also ensuring that the rights of the rest of the campus community to a safe and secure environment are protected. Part of protecting our rights is protecting the health and safety of persons, and the security of property, for which uniformed police officers may be required.

Tepona Point access upgrades, Civic Club meets, Lighthouse open

Executive Director of the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust Claire Nasr announces the Commencement of the Tepona Point Public Access Improvement Project.

She writes that construction to improve access to Tepona Point will begin in May. Tepona Point, close to Luffenholz Beach off Scenic Drive, serves as a lookout point for stunning vistas, rich marine life and pristine beaches.

The existing public infrastructure requires significant improvements to better serve visitors and protect the natural environment. This project aims to enhance accessibility, safety and visitor enjoyment while preserving the ecological integrity of the area.

Under the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947 and the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, And Coastal Protection Act Of 2002 (Proposition 40), the Wildlife Conservation Board (Grantor) has granted Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (Grantee) a sum of \$670,000 (which includes recently acquired \$300,000.00 of WCB funding) to assist

with trail and access improvements on approximately eight acres of land known as Tepona Point in Trinidad.

Working hours for contractor SHN will be between 8 a.m. and

6 p.m. TCLT and SHN are prioritizing the well-being of workers and the community during the construction process.

Former TCLT Executive Director Michelle Kunst began planning and fund-raising for the project and Claire Nasar made completing the Tepona Point project one of her top priorities when she took over leadership of the land trust.

For further information contact claire@trinidadtidings.org or teponapointproject@trinidadtidings.org. Visit trinidadtidings.org for

more information about all the land trust's projects, coastal access points, conservation easements, and stewardship activities. TCLT is located in the Simmons Gallery/office behind Trinidad Library at 380 Janis Court.

Celebrating scholarship recipients and families

Trinidad Civic Club's program for Thursday, May 2 will be awarding academic and vocational scholarships to high school seniors starting at 11:15 a.m. in the Club Room, Town Hall.

A business meeting will take place before the program at 10 a.m. with Dana Hope and Jan West presiding.

Martha Sue Davis, Marsha Hughes and Franya Sideroff will

present the scholarship winners and their families.

TCC members and guests are cordially invited to attend.

Trinidad Head Lighthouse open Saturday, May 4

Trinidad Head Lighthouse, a half mile walk up Lighthouse Road, will be open for tours on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to noon courtesy of the Bureau of Land Management/California Coastal National Monument, the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria and Trinidad Museum volunteer docents.

Pedestrians only, please. Pets on leash. Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.



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SCENE

Cal Poly musicians find new venues

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

EUREKA – Due to the closure of the Cal Poly Humboldt campus through May 10, the following performances have been rescheduled and will be performed at Eureka High School:

Humboldt Chorale

University Singers and Humboldt Chorale, led by choral director Rachel Samet will take place Friday, May 3 at 8 p.m. at Eureka High School, 1915 J St. in Eureka. The concert, called "Journey Home," includes a range of compositions from across cultures and musical eras, and expresses a wide variety of perspectives on the idea of "home." Home can be something literal, as a geographic location, or it can be an emotional expression, such as where you feel comfortable or feel like you are part of a community.

Humboldt Chorale

The Cal Poly Humboldt Jazz Orchestra will perform Saturday, May 4 at 8:00 p.m. at Eureka High School. This is a free all ages performance. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

The program includes performances of *Señor Blues*, composed by Horace Silver. It features solos by Andrew Henderson, trumpet; Mathias Severn, tenor sax; Raymond Endert, trombone; and Ben Aldag, drums. They will perform Lester Left Town, composed by Wayne Shorter, with solos by George Epperson, trombone; Ricardo Paredes, tenor sax; and Ben Aldag, drums. *Respiración*, composed and arranged by bassist Ben Allison, will feature guitarist Dylan Westfall.

Also on deck is Esta Noche with solos by Ricardo Paredes, tenor sax; Andrew Henderson, trumpet; and George Epperson, trombone.

Mariachi de Humboldt

A joint concert of the Humboldt Wind Ensemble and Ma-

riachi de Humboldt will take place Sunday, May 5 at 5 p.m. at Eureka High School. Mariachi de Humboldt celebrates its first year as an official Cal Poly Humboldt university performance ensemble, and will present favorite rancheras such as *Cielito Lindo*, *Arboles de la Barranca*, and *De Colores*. You will hear the upbeat *Los Laureles*, the heart wrenching *Volver, Volver*, and the stirring *Tata Dios*. The Wind Ensemble portion of the program includes *La Malagueña de Salerosa* featuring Pablo Murcia, tenor. *La Malagueña de Salerosa* is a well-known *Son Huasteco* or *Huapango* song from Mexico. The song is that of a man telling a woman (from Málaga, Spain) how beautiful she is, and how he would love to be her man, but that he understands her rejecting him for being too poor.

Both performances are free, all ages concerts open to the public.



AT THE ARCATA PLAYHOUSE The Temporary Resonance Trio will be joined by pianist John Chernoff on Saturday, May 4.

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String Fling at Playhouse

TRINIDAD BAY ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

ARCATA – A springtime booster concert for the Trinidad Bay Arts & Music Festival, the String Fling, is an all-Bach concert of live classical music presented by TBAM at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. on Saturday, May 4 at 3 p.m.

The event features the Festival Strings orchestra along with several featured soloists, and will include an intermission and concessions. Formal tickets are replaced by suggested donations.

This spring the TBAM Festival

Strings orchestra will perform Bach's *Orchestral Suite No.1 in C Major*, live at the Arcata Playhouse.

Artistic Director Terrie Baune, concertmaster of the ESO and violinist in the Temporary Resonance Trio, is joined by her colleague pianist John Chernoff, presenting one of Bach's violin sonatas, and cellist Peter Kibbe

performs the *Suite for Solo Cello in D Minor*. The concert is sure to be a thrilling afternoon of some of Bach's finest works.

tbamfest.com, tbamfest@gmail.com

Short Play Fest at The EXIT

EXIT THEATRE

ARCATA PLAZA – EXIT Theatre Arcata's 2024 Short Play Festival will be held June 20 to June 23 and June 27 to June 30. Performances will take place Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at EXIT Theatre, 890 G Street, Arcata.

The 2024 fest received 175 plays for consideration from local, national and international playwrights. The full-stage productions of the 12 selected plays will additionally showcase the work of local actors, directors and technicians.

The following plays will see their Humboldt County premieres.

First festival weekend: *The Backpacker's Dilemma* by Daniel Lehman, Arcata; *Tree Hugs* by Evan Baughman, Long Beach; *This Is It* by Dave Reagan,

Manila; *The Grout Fairy* by Connie Schindewolf, Brandenton, Florida; *Foster Poet* by Clinton Festa, Greensboro, North Carolina; *Ten Minutes 'til Christmas: A Made-for-TV Christmas Movie Parody* by Brian Vinero, St. Paul, Minnesota.



Second festival weekend: *Chute!* by Guy R. Newsham, Gloucester, Ontario, Canada; *The Turn-Around* by Cary Pepper, San Francisco; *What You Did Say* by Sam Heyman, Nashville, Tennessee; *Two Yards of Satan* by Kelly McBurnette-Andronico, Peralta, New Mexico; *Context* by John C. Davenport, Seattle; *Meet The Boyfriend* by Jaiden Clark, Eureka.

Festival Sundays will again feature local and regional performers providing an eclectic mix of multi-disciplinary short works ranging from puppetry to dance to mime. theexit.org

LOGGER LOVE STORIES

HUNDREDS OF IGNITIONS AND SOME WILD MISFIRES



A new theatre work from Longshadr Productions, *Logger Love Stories*, will premier at the World Famous Logger Bar in Blue Lake, at the center of the universe, on Thursday, May 2 and runs through May 7. There are only six shows and tickets are available at [eventbrite.com/e/logger-love-stories-tickets-845034319397?aff=oddtdtcreator](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/logger-love-stories-tickets-845034319397?aff=oddtdtcreator). Or you can come by the Logger Bar on Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. when Michael Fields is bartending, ask him about it and buy a ticket then. Shows start at 6 p.m. (Sunday at 4 p.m.) so you don't have to stumble in the dark though you may need to be danced to the end of love. It is staged so everyone is up close in the Logger Bar, where the beer is colder than your ex's heart. longshadr@gmail.com, longshadr.com

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American Dream, Zoo Story staged in Arcata

THE EXIT THEATRE

ARCATA – *The American Dream* and *Zoo Story* by Edward Albee will be performed at The EXIT Theatre, 890 G St. in Arcata on Saturday, May 4 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 5 at 3 p.m. The show continues on Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. through May 19.

Tickets are \$15 general and \$10 for students and seniors and are available at [two-by-albee.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-american-dream-and-zoo-story-tickets-845034319397?aff=oddtdtcreator) or at the door with cash.

The American Dream and *Zoo Story* are directed by John Heckel and feature Kimberly Mallett Alvarez, Bryce Campos, Larry Crist, Sally L'Heragan, Michael Murdock and Heather Petersteiner.

THE ALLEY CATS perform Thursday, May 2 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Randy Stodola reforms Alley Cats with vocalist and bassist Apryl Cady and drummer Matt Laskey. Doors open at 5 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

PRANKSTERS BALL featuring the Magnificent Sanctuary Band takes place Friday, May 3 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Prepare yourself for an immersive experience where music, conversation and reverie intertwine, creating an unforgettable tapestry of sound and spirit. For collectors and enthusiasts, rare and unique Prankster merchandise will be available, offering a glimpse into the vibrant history of the Prankster movement. Fri-

day night music will be provided by Magnificent Sanctuary Band, local legends known for their infectious grooves and enchanting melodies. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance and at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

FIRESIGN performs Friday, May 3 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Local band FireSign draws inspiration from folk, pop and indie rock. Focus is on multiple part harmonies and diverse musical accompaniment for a complex, melodic performance. Doors open at 5 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

BUDDY REED AND THE RIP IT

UPS perform Saturday, May 4 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Local boys Buddy Reed and the Rip It Ups, layin' it down low with all your blues and roots rock favorites. Doors open at 5 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

STICKLER PHONICS performs Sunday, May 5 at Septentrio Winery, 650 Sixth St., Arcata. Veteran Bay Area bandleader and drummer Scott Amendola returns to explore the power of subtraction with young tenor saxophonist Raffi Garabedian and trombonist Danny Lubin-Laden in a stripped-down trio, one that navigates an array of kinetic approaches with new sonorities and high-energy grooves. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. All ages.

Tickets are \$10-\$20 on a sliding scale in advance and at the door. (707) 672-2058, redwoodjazzalliance.org

Tickets are \$17 in advance or \$20 at the door. (707) 630-5000, richardsgoat.com

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COMING UP

- AJ Lee and Blue Summit at Humboldt Brewery, Thursday, May 9, 8 p.m.
- The Francis Vanek Quartet at the Basement, Thursday, May 9, 8 p.m.
- Jerry Martien and the Usual Suspects at the Arcata Playhouse, Saturday, May 11, 8 p.m.
- Qwanqwa at Richard's Goat, Monday, May 13, 8 p.m.
- Optic Sink at Richard's Goat, Friday, May 17, 9 p.m.
- tu:NER at the Arcata Playhouse, Saturday, May 18, 8 p.m.
- Hot Buttered Rum at Humboldt Brewery, Saturday, May 18, 8 p.m.
- Earl Thomas with the Anthony Cullins Band at Humboldt Brewery, Friday, June 14, 8 p.m.



The All American Marine vessel with a catamaran hull. VIA CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

CPH's new oceanographic research ship

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

PACIFIC OCEAN — The ocean covers most of the planet's surface, and of that, only 5 percent has been explored. To reveal the mysteries of our ocean, Cal Poly Humboldt is looking toward the future with a new oceanographic research vessel. The 78-by-28 foot custom-built aluminum catamaran powered by twin 1100 horsepower Tier 4 engines will travel at speeds up to 24 knots.

The vessel — expected to be operational in early 2025 — will carry up to 40 students, faculty, and crew on day trips and accommodate up to 14 people on multi-day research voyages. The vessel will have a variety of hydraulic deck machinery for handling up to 5,000 lbs. of oceanographic equipment and instrumentation.

The deck will also accommodate divers entering the water from two dive

University's academic marine science programs"

That legacy of supporting undergraduate and graduate academic experiences while promoting marine research spans decades with programs and facilities that include the R.V. Coral Sea, which was purchased by the University in 1998.

Since then, thousands of Cal Poly Humboldt students have learned firsthand everything from gathering and analyzing water and sediment samples to collecting fish from the deep ocean, while also learning the basics of seamanship and what is required to work on a vessel at sea, says Coral Sea captain Jim Long.

"It's one thing to learn about marine sciences in a class—but when students get their feet wet (literally), the science becomes real," Long says.

Student research continues on land at the Ma-

rine. "We are thrilled to receive this contract for another multi-mission research vessel that will service a variety of critical missions such as offshore research, oceanographic surveys and ocean monitoring, as well as informing the emergent offshore wind market on the West Coast. This vessel will open a new era of ocean conservation and research capabilities."

The Coral Sea is due for retirement, says Eric Riggs, dean of Cal Poly Humboldt's College of Natural Resources & Sciences. Though well-maintained, the Coral Sea turns 50 this year, far exceeding the average 30-year lifespan of a research vessel. Replacing the ship's five diesel engines to meet new emission standards would cost up to \$2 million.

Acquiring another second-hand vessel presents its own challenges. It would require retrofitting with engines that meet state standards and outfitting with oceanographic equipment to handle the needs specific to the types of research being conducted by faculty and students. Given these factors, and the anticipated growth in enrollment in the University's marine science programs, it made more sense to invest in a vessel built specifically for Humboldt, according to Riggs.

The \$7.9 million new research vessel is made possible by the state's historic investment in Humboldt's expansion as a polytechnic university.

As for the Coral Sea's next destination, the vessel cannot operate in California due to the state's emissions rules. Given those restrictions, the University is considering selling it.

The new vessel will have dual certification from the U.S. Coast Guard as an oceanographic research vessel and passenger vessel, creating additional opportunities for the University, region and other agencies.

QUINQUAGENARIAN R/V Coral Sea. PHOTO VIA TELONICHER MARINE LAB



platforms off the stern. The vessel's laboratory and pilot house will carry a diverse array of state-of-the-art navigation and oceanographic electronics to measure physical and biological features of the ocean bottom and water column.

"I see this as a continuation of the University's long tradition of supporting and advancing marine research and educating our future marine scientists," says Rick Zechman, associate dean of Marine Operations and director of the University's Telonicher Marine Lab. "The new vessel reaffirms our commitment to ocean exploration and the

Marine Lab, which was built in 1965. There, samples collected from aboard the Coral Sea are analyzed.

Compared to the Coral Sea, the new vessel, being built by All American Marine, will be more fuel efficient and capable of a faster cruising speed, which translates into exploring the ocean farther offshore.

"All American Marine remains on the leading edge of manufacturing techniques and is an industry innovator, merging the latest technology into a functional and proven vessel," says Ron Wille, president and chief operating officer of All American

REVEL IN THE BEAUTY Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, May 4. Meet leader Elliott Dabill at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center (AMIC) on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk. Elliott will concentrate on the native plant garden in front of the Interpretive Center, using a plant reference guide developed by AMIC staff Carmen and Neysa. The flowers are starting to bloom, so come revel in their beauty! (707) 826-2359

BRING YOUR BINOCULARS

Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, May 4 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Dan Greany at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for easy-to-walk trails. As spring arrives, many resident birds may be singing, nesting and showing signs of breeding activity. Shorebirds will likely be abundant, so we'll focus our attention on willets, godwits, sanderlings, avocets and curlews in tidal areas, the pond islands and mud around the marsh.



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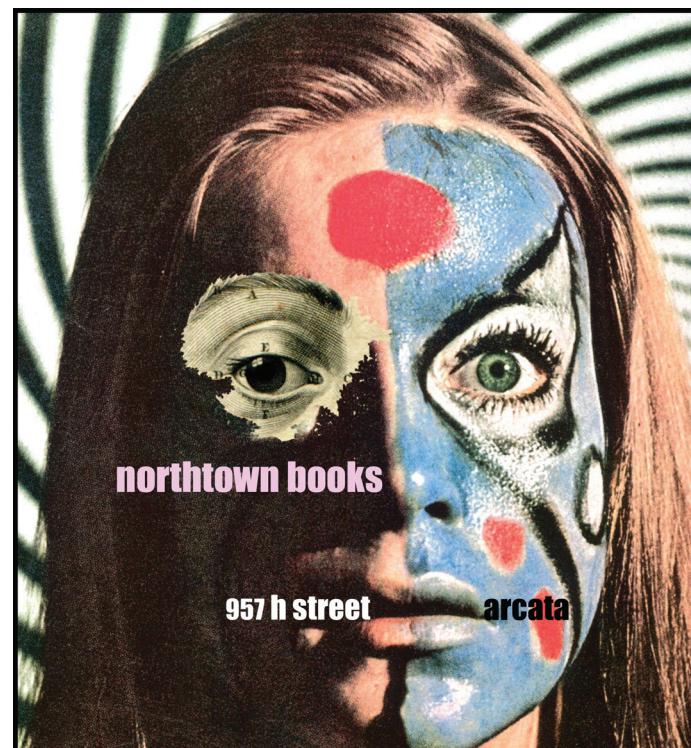
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League of Women Voters honors SPZF's Jeff Lamoree for pioneering zoo work

SEQUOIA PARK ZOO FOUNDATION

EUREKA — Jeff Lamoree and the Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation (SPZF) are honored to have received recognition and a Civic Contribution Award at the 2024 League of Women Voters Humboldt County (LWVHC) 31st Annual State of the Community Event on Friday, April 19.

LWVHC Board Member Byrd Lochtie presented Lamoree with a custom engraved platter in honor of his extraordinary 20-year contribution to the community.

"Every once in a while, the right person is in the right place at the right time. Jeff Lamoree was that person for the Sequoia Park Zoo in Eureka," said Lochtie.

In 2004, Lamoree organized the Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation as the 501c3 philanthropic, nonprofit partner to support the Sequoia Park Zoo. He was the founding president of the Foundation board of directors, and has continued to serve on the board after several terms as president.

Throughout the last 20 years, with his remarkable leadership skills, Lamoree has encouraged a close partnership with the City of Eureka that owns the zoo, to provide the North Coast with a spectacular zoological facility.

The SPZF mission is to promote and stimulate interest in the zoo, and to support the zoo's development and programs through fundraising, promotions and other initiatives designed to enhance the zoo experience.

The Foundation envisions the Sequoia Park Zoo as a premier Redwood Coast destination. "I challenge you to walk around the zoo today and see if we have not been successful in that endeavor. I think you'll agree, we have," revealed Lamoree.



ZOOMASTER SPZF Boardmember/Founding President Jeff Lamoree and his 2024 LWVHC Civic Contribution Award, with Executive Director Alegria Sita.

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The Sequoia Park Zoo, established in 1907, is the oldest zoo in California. Twenty years ago, when the Foundation was formed, Jeff and SPZF were active in keeping the zoo open during budget cuts.

Lamoree rallied community support for the zoo during discussions about charging admission. He worked to make changes to bring the zoo into compliance with new ideas and requirements for accreditation by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums.

During the last twenty years, the Foundation has raised nearly \$15 million dollars which has funded many capital projects at the Zoo, including the construction of new animal habitats, ongoing maintenance, exhibit renovations and building facilities to support animals, education, guest services and conservation efforts.

Recognition from LWVHC last week was especially significant to Lamoree and SPZF as the

organization recently announced its dissolution following two decades of supporting the transformation of the zoo into the world-class, award-winning tourist destination it has become.

"There was nothing easy about arriving at the decision to dissolve," said SPZF Executive Director Alegria Sita. "The zoo is on the trajectory of success because of Mr. Lamoree's legacy, and the contributions of the many esteemed partners, donors, board members, staff, stakeholders, community leaders, volunteers and patrons."

SPZF would like to congratulate Lori Dengler, Emeritus Professor of Geology Cal Poly Humboldt, who also received recognition at the LWVHC State of the Community Luncheon.

SPZF thanks its community of supporters believing in their mission and supporting conservation of the natural world with their actions.

spzfoundation.org

Indigenous perspectives on native plants

CNPS

EUREKA — The California Native Plant Society (CNPS), as part of the annual Wildflower Show, invites the public to two presentations featuring the indigenous perspective on California native plants, Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5 at 1:30 p.m. at Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka. northcoastcnps.org, (707) 362-0237.

• Saturday, May 4, 1:30 p.m. *An Overview of Traditional Yurok Basketry.* Shirley Laos, of Yurok, Karuk and Chetco descent, and an enrolled member of the Cher-Ae Heights Trinidad Rancheria, will present

a talk on basket weaving and basketry materials, and will show examples of local native basketry.

Shirley will be assisted by her granddaughter Isobel Childs. Basket making is a core cultural component of tribal life.

Baskets not only are essential items for everyday needs, but are an integral part of the spiritual and ceremonial life of local tribes, connecting the past and the present. Basket making is still taught and

practiced as part of their living culture.

• Sunday, May 5, 1:30 p.m. *Wiyot Cultural Plants.* Adam Canter, natural resources director and botanist for the Wiyot Tribe, will present a slide talk showcasing important Wiyot cultural plants and their habitats.

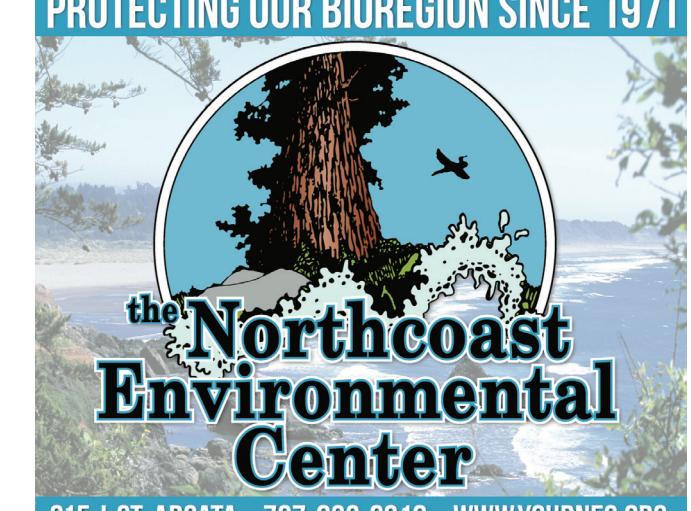
He will highlight how settler colonial land practices and genocide caused some early successional species to become rare in the landscape.

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